

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. On a personal note, I have noticed a significant and obvious shift towards the right wing radical Republican ideology in TV and radio broadcasts which pretend to be newsworthy. Fox cable news is blatantly biased towards the "right wing", but the current Sinclair situation is abominable. This democracy will cease to exist if this continues, since the media is the life blood of information to the public. If this anti-Kerry program airs, the FCC is not doing its job! Force them to not air this propaganda or punish them severely. Thank you.